

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 356490

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Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 12 June 2018

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 12 June 2018

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file depicts the sexual abuse of a child. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young from sexual exploitation.